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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/285,559	)	
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For: THERMAL FILM ULTRASONIC	)	
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Art Unit: 3737	)	
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**RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.376(c)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**I. Factual Predicate**

On midnight of September 24, 2010, U.S. Patent 6,454,730 expired because the seven and one-half year maintenance fee was not submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). On November 18, 2010, Petitioner submitted a petition under 37 C.F.R.

§1.378(c) to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee on this patent. A copy of this Petition is attached as Exhibit A. In this November 18, 2010 Petition, Petitioner submitted a

statement that the delay was unintentional, as well as a payment of \$810. Petitioner also pre-authorized other payments from a USPTO deposit account.

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On February 14, 2011, the Office of Petitions dismissed Petitioner's November 18, 2010


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Petitioner is entitled to Small Entity status.


Petitioner expressly authorizes the USPTO to deduct all necessary payments from its USPTO deposit account 23-0920 to reinstate U.S. Patent 6,454,730 (including but not limited to processing fees, petition fees, maintenance fees, surcharges of any nature, and other charges deemed necessary by the USPTO). Should the proper fee not be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the proper amount or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

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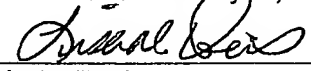
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